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SUBJECT: SECURITY PLANNING

REFERENCE: BROWN MEMORANDUM TO SFM DIRECTOR JUNE 5

1. THE FIELD MISSION APPRECIATES THE ACTIONS NOW BEING TAKEN BY SSM TO IMPROVE THE SECURITY PROGRAM IN THE SINAI. IN GENERAL WE BELIEVE THAT THE MOST IMPORTANT ASPECT OF OUR IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM WILL BE THE ASSIGNMENT OF A FULL-TIME SECURITY OFFICER AND THE AUGMENTATION OF THE MISSION GUARD FORCE. WITH THAT IN MIND A NUMBER OF THE RECOMMENDATIONS SHOULD BE HELD IN ABEYANCE UNTIL THIS STAFF ARRIVES. IN THE MEANTIME OUR REACTION TO THE PROPOSALS IS AS FOLLOWS.

A. RECOMMENDATIONS 1 THROUGH 7: ALL OF THESE RECOMMENDATIONS HAVE TO DO WITH IMPROVEMENT IN THE SECURITY GUARD FORCE. FULL IMPLEMENTATION WILL DEPEND ON ACTION BEING TAKEN IN WASHINGTON AND GREENVILLE. ACTUAL CONSTRUCTION OF THE GUARD OBSERVATION DECKS (RECOMMENDATION 7) SHOULD BE HELD IN ABEYANCE UNTIL THE FULL-TIME SECURITY OFFICER ARRIVES.

B. WE AGREE WITH RECOMMENDATIONS 8, 9 AND 10. SFM CAN PROVIDE SOME OF THE EQUIPMENT, I.E. SOME STARLIGHT SCOPES FROM EXISTING INVENTORIES, AND WE WILL BE ORDERING
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OTHER EQUIPMENT THROUGH SSM WITHIN THE NEXT FEW DAYS SO THAT ALL THREE RECOMMENDATIONS CAN BE FULLY IMPLEMENTED AFTER THE SECURITY OFFICER ARRIVES.

C. WE AGREE WITH RECOMMENDATIONS 11, 30, 34 AND 38 WHICH CALL FOR LEXGUARD IN WINDOWS AT THE SFM GUARD HOUSE AND THE THREE WATCH STATIONS. LEXGUARD FOR THE GUARD HOUSE HAS ARRIVED AND WE WILL BE ORDERING LEXGUARD

FOR THE OTHER THREE LOCATIONS IN THE NEAR FUTURE.

D. RECOMMENDATIONS 12, 13, 14 AND 15 SHOULD BE CARRIED OUT UNDER THE SUPERVISION OF THE RSO OR FURTHER CONSIDERATION SHOULD BE GIVEN BEFORE IMPLEMENTATION. RECOMMENDATION 12 MAKES SENSE AND 13 IS A GOOD ONE IF PROPERLY IMPLEMENTED AND SUPERVISED, WHILE RECOMMENDATIONS 14 AND 15 REQUIRE FURTHER CONSIDERATION IN OUR OPINION.

E. RECOMMENDATION 16 CONCERNING IMPROVEMENT OF GHANBATT COMMUNICATIONS IS A GOOD ONE. WE ARE EXPLORING IMPROVEMENTS WITH UNEF AND ARE HOPEFUL THAT THEY WILL BE ABLE TO SUPPLY EQUIPMENT FROM THEIR SOURCES.

F. RECOMMENDATION 17 IS BEING ACCOMPLISHED.

G. RECOMMENDATIONS 18, 22 AND 23 ARE BEING STUDIED BY E-SYSTEMS AND WE WILL REPORT THEIR FINDINGS CONCERNING METHOD AND COST OF IMPLEMENTATION.

H. RECOMMENDATIONS 19, 20, 21 AND 24 SHOULD BE HELD IN ABEYANCE UNTIL A RSO ARRIVES. I AGREE WITH ALL OF THEM EXCEPT I WOULD LIKE TO SEE FURTHER CONSIDERATION GIVEN TO RECOMMENDATION 20, AND I WOULD THINK THAT RECOMMENDATION 24 COULD BE IMPLEMENTED BY USING TWO LOW CEMENT BLOCK WALLS WITH SAND FILLER. THIS WOULD BE MORE PERMANENT AND WOULD MAKE THE PREMISES LOOK LESS LIKE A FORT. WITH THE SECURITY OFFICER'S APPROVAL, I WOULD ENVISION USING THIS PROCEDURE ALSO AT THE ENDS OF MODULES WHERE ADDITIONAL PROTECTION IS REQUIRED.
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I. RECOMMENDATIONS 25, 26, 27 AND 28 MAY BE NECESSARY BUT I WOULD LIKE FURTHER STUDY ON WHETHER THEY SHOULD BE IMPLEMENTED ON A REGULAR FULL-TIME BASIS. OUR SCHEDULE TO AND FROM TEL AVIV IS ALREADY VARIED THOUGH SOME IMPROVEMENTS MIGHT BE MADE IN THIS. THERE ARE OCCASIONS WHERE THE BUSS IS NECESSARY FOR CERTAIN RUNS AND I WOULD THINK THAT WE COULD FIND MORE SECURE STORAGE FOR IT IN TEL AVIV RATHER THAN TAKE IT OUT OF USE. I WOULD ALSO LIKE TO SEE MORE STUDY AND JUSTIFICATION FOR THE REQUIREMENT THAT EGYPTIAN AND IDF ESCORTS BE PROVIDED. BOTH GOVERNMENTS MIGHT RESIST THIS AND I QUESTION WHETHER OR NOT IT WOULD IN FACT IMPROVE SECURITY THAT MUCH.

J. RECOMMENDATION 29 IS A GOOD ONE AND WE ARE MOVING AHEAD WITH IMPLEMENTATION.

K. RECOMMENDATIONS 31, 32, 33, 35, 36, 37, 39, 40, 41, 42 AND 44 ARE ALL RECOMMENDATIONS WHICH SHOULD BE LOOKED AT AGAIN WHEN A NEW RSO ARRIVES. IMPLEMENTATION SHOULD BE CARRIED OUT UNDER THE SUPERVISION OF A FULL-TIME RSO AND AS INDICATED ABOVE I HAVE SOME RESERVATIONS ABOUT CALTROPS.

L. RECOMMENDATION 43 I BELIEVE IS A GOOD ONE AND WE ARE ASKING E-SYSTEMS HERE TO GIVE US A PROPOSAL FOR

IMPLEMENTATION. WE WILL FORWARD IT TO SSM WITH OUR COMMENTS.

2. IN SUMMARY, I BELIEVE THAT MOST OF THE BROWN RECOMMENDATIONS ARE GOOD ONES AND WE SHOULD MOVE AHEAD WITH THOSE WHICH CAN BE ACCOMPLISHED WITHOUT A RSO'S PRESENCE. ON THE OTHER HAND EACH RSO SEES SECURITY IN A SOMEWHAT DIFFERENT LIGHT AND I AM RELUCTANT TO SPEND VERY MUCH MONEY TO IMPLEMENT RECOMMENDATIONS WHICH THE NEW RSO MAY DISAGREE WITH OR WANT ADJUSTMENTS MADE. I REALIZE THAT THIS COURSE OF ACTION IS SLOW BUT I BELIEVE IT IS THE PRUDENT ONE.
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